

Westview Centennial Secondary School

School Profile

Our school believes in being open and accountable. We hope this School Profile will help you to understand who we are, what we do to help our students, and how well we are succeeding, particularly in the key areas of mathematics and literacy. For more information, please contact our school directly. As always, we welcome your comments.

What Does Westview Centennial Secondary School Offer Students?

Our school community represents a richness of culture, languages and backgrounds which provides our students with the opportunity to communicate and work with each other cooperatively.

Westview has high expectations for the success of all students. There are a variety of programs and support services provided to address diverse needs of students and ensure the success desired.

The English as a Second Language program provides newly arrived immigrant students with a comprehensive assessment in numeracy and literacy, and appropriate programming to meet their needs.

Positive Peer Culture, Skills Development, Communities in Schools, Intervention, Special Education and Homework Club are some of the alternative and support programs to meet diverse student needs.

Partnerships within the community such as CISCO, Xerox, The York University/Westview Partnership and Learning Through the Arts provide an enrichment of the curriculum delivery and expanded opportunities for our students for university and college studies and employment. The Centre for Change is a new initiative to create a bridge between Westview and the school community.

An effective Code of Behaviour is in place to promote a safe learning environment. Westview was the only school in Metro Toronto to receive the Safe City Award from the Community Foundation for Greater Toronto in 1997.

Westview, an Information Technology prototype school, provides increased learning opportunities through the use of computers in the delivery of curriculum. Classrooms have access to the Internet and with voluntary staff supervision, students can use computers from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

(More information is provided on page 4.)

Enrolment and Student Background

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| Number of students as of October 1997 | 1 452 |
| number of students born after 1977 | 1 407 |
| number of students born in 1977 or earlier | 45 |
| Number of languages represented in the school | 36 |
| Number of countries (students' birthplace) | 62 |
| % of students and/or parents who have immigrated to Canada | 94% |
| % of students with primary language other than English | 61% |
| Number of years in Canada (% of students): | |
| fewer than 2 years | 14% |
| 2 to 5 years | 22% |
| more than 5 years | 36% |
| born in Canada | 28% |

Special Programs

Some students spend all or much of their time in a special program. Some special programs are offered in all schools while others are offered only in a few schools.

Percentage of students in each program type in this school:

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| Regular | 91% |
| French Immersion | 0% |
| Special Education: | Gifted |
| | Home School Comprehensive |
| | Learning Disability |
| | Other (behavioural, educable, developmental handicap, multihandicap) |

In Home School Comprehensive Programs, students receive support from a special education teacher in their home school. This support is usually provided within the regular classroom, but some students may be withdrawn from their classroom on occasion.

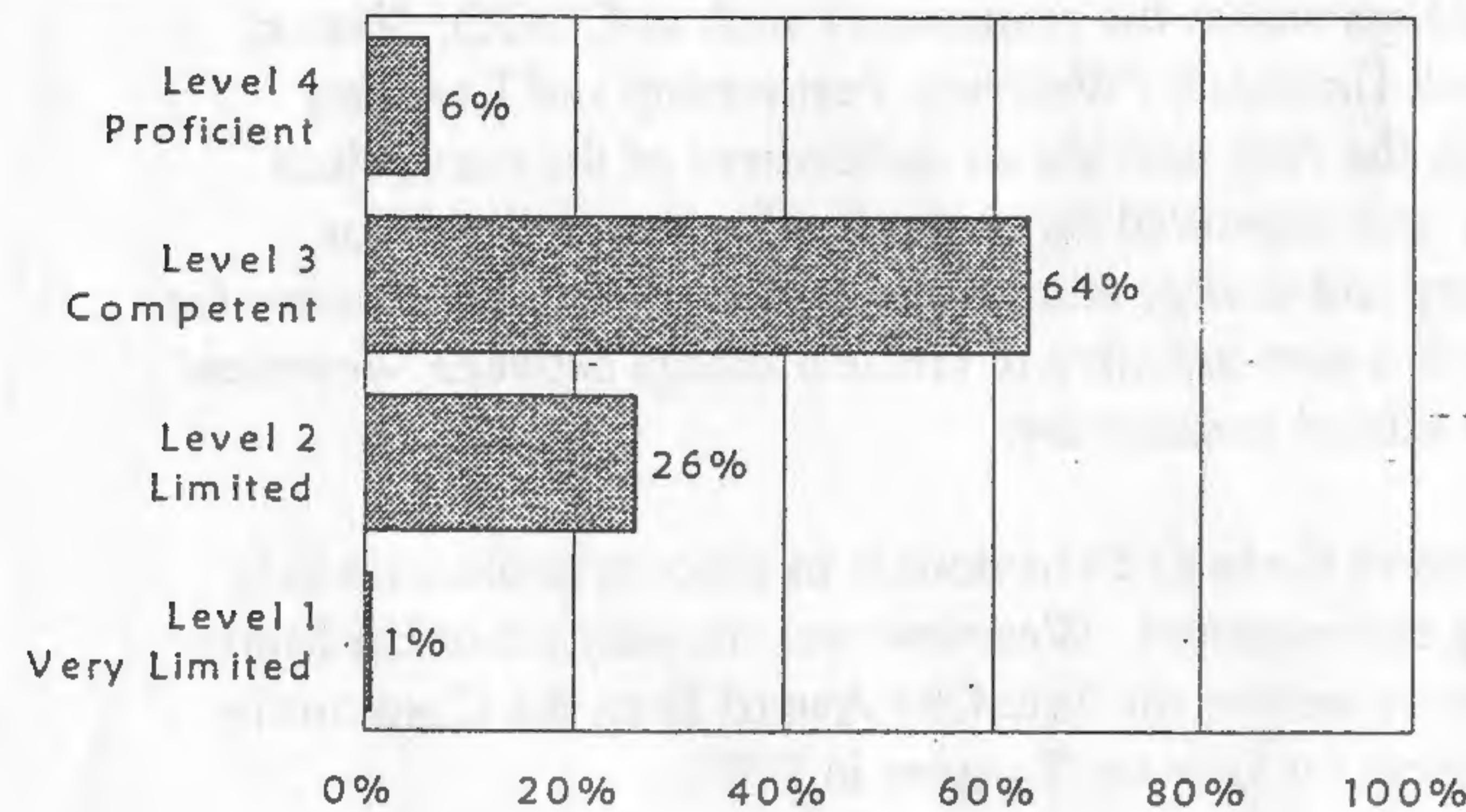


Grade 11 Reading and Writing Results

In February 1998, all students taking Grade 11 English wrote a reading and writing test. For the reading test, students read a number of short newspaper articles and answered questions to show how well they understood what they read. Their writing skills were tested by having them write a letter expressing an opinion. Results are reported on a four-level scale. Students are expected to demonstrate skills at or above level 3.

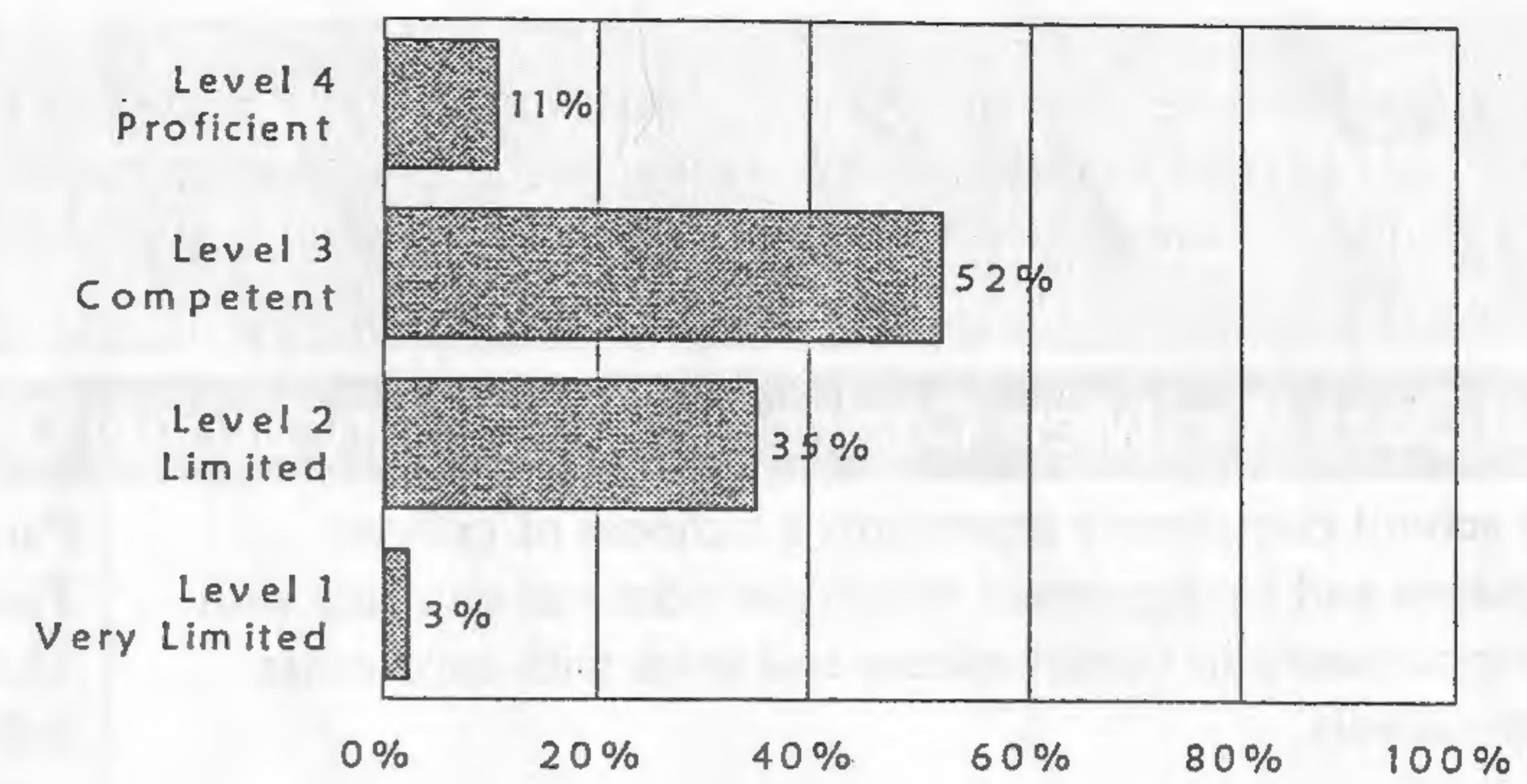
Writing Skills

% of Students at each level for Westview Centennial



Reading Skills

% of Students at each level for Westview Centennial



The number of students who wrote the tests:

| | Reading | Writing |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| Born after 1977 | 159 | 159 |
| Born in 1977 or earlier | 1 | 1 |

More About Westview Centennial Secondary School

The School Council, comprised of school, community, parent and student representatives, meets monthly to discuss with and advise the administration on educational issues of mutual concern.

A welcoming environment enables parents and caregivers to contact us with questions, issues or concerns as well as to

participate in significant events such as "Meet the Teachers", "Celebration of Success" and Commencement.

Westview provides a breakfast program for students. Westview is fostering links with other community agencies, private enterprises, churches and faith groups, and educational institutions.

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